



# *Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors*

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### **SUPERVISOR DAVID BOWEN CRITICIZES REFERENDUM, SUPPORTERS**

Milwaukee County Supervisor David Bowen issued the following statement regarding tomorrow's referendum on County Supervisors' pay and benefits:

"As Election Day draws near it is important to think critically about the referendum on the ballot in Milwaukee County. It is important you understand the hypocrisy of those wealthy special interests supporting it. They do not and should not speak for the people of Milwaukee County.

"It should come as no surprise to you that wealthy special interests are pushing you to vote for a referendum to reduce the pay of your elected representatives on the County Board. Individuals who make astronomically more than we do want you to believe you would be better off with a legislative body with little oversight and few resources to monitor questionable uses of your tax dollars.

"Those who have crafted and influenced the language of the referendum all fall into the category of 'wealthy special interests.'"

"Those in the Greater Milwaukee Committee pushing this referendum do not understand how hard it is for you to pay for your bus ticket. The County Executive—whose wealth is evident—takes his six-figure salary and benefits from the County tax levy every year and doesn't understand how expensive your childcare is every month. And the primary author of the referendum, who runs a million dollar taxicab monopoly, also admitted he only worked part-time as a supervisor but still took his full-time salary and benefits from your county tax dollars. He doesn't understand how hard it was to pay for your heat this exceptionally cold winter.

"Maybe it's time for the authors of this referendum to give back their taxpayer funded salaries, health care and pensions since they believe public service is not about the money."

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